THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (d) No, Sir. However, currently, Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) is having a pipeline network of around 4600 km. for supply of natural gas to the existing consumers. GAIL has signed Gas Cooperation Agreement (GCA) with the States of West Bengal, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Kerala to achieve the goal of meeting natural gas demand in these States and is in the process of concluding similar GCA with the Jharkhand State. Government have plans to bridge the gap between the demand and supply of natural gas by import of natural gas/liquefied natural gas from neighbouring countries apart from increasing the availability of domestic gas by indigenous exploration/exploitation of gas fields.

Supply of natural gas to States

4343. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States where there is no supply of natural gas from any source;

(b) whether the impact of absence of natural gas as feed stock on industrial scenario of these States has been assessed by the States or the Centre; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) The details are given in Statement (*See* below).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The allocations to the extent of over 118 million standard cubic metres per day (MMSCMD) already made to various consumers in the country far exceeds the present availability of natural gas of around 65 MMSCMD for supply.

Statement

Details of States with no supply of natural gas from any source

1. Andaman and Nicobar Islands (Union Territory)
2. Arunachal Pradesh
3. Bihar

4. Chandigarh (Union Territory)
5. Chhattisgarh
6. Dadra and Nagar Haveli
7. Daman and Diu (Union Territory)
8. Goa
9. Himachal Pradesh
10. Jammu and Kashmir
11. Jharkhand
12. Karnataka
13. Kerala
14. Lakshadweep (Union Territory)
15. Manipur
16. Meghalaya
17. Mizoram
18. Nagaland
19. Orissa
20. Sikkim
21. Uttaranchal
22. West Bengal
23. Punjab

Surplus stock of petroleum products

4344. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the national oil companies continue to be saddled with excess stock of petroleum products;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering any steps since surplus production of fuel is expected to exceed 10000 tonnes for each of these months;

(c) whether the surplus is reported to have been estimated by the Oil Coordination Committee on the basis of a Reliance Petroleum offer of 1,45,000 tonnes for January and 1,25,000 tonnes for February, 2002;

(d) if so, whether this surplus is to be continued in March, 2002 also; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take in this regard?